

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, June 12, 2006**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director     Juliette Lopez**

**Kurt Schatz, Chair     Alan Gerew**

**Alice Lavigne Vice Chair Al Low Al Low**

**Guest: -----**

**Absent: Al Musso**

**Excused: David Marcotte**

**Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairperson, at the Burrillville Town Hall.**

**Minutes of May 8, 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Alan Gerew. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Good and Welfare:**

**The Director reported the awarding of a total of three grants from the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. For the Shippie Bridge Project, the grant amount of \$20,700 was**

awarded. The remaining \$2,300 needed for the project will come from other fundraising programs. The second grant awarded was for the track resurfacing project at Branch River Park which bids are being sought at this time. The third was for the Downtown Pascoag Riverwalk project.

Since he was not able to attend the event, a citation was received from Governor Caciari's Office for this year's Burrillville Family Fair.

#### **Correspondence:**

**None**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **League Budgets**

The league budget amounts will be staying the same as last year with the budget being adopted Wednesday, June 14, 2006. Submissions from the leagues have been very good and done in a professional manner.

#### **Relay for Life**

The relay will take place a week from Friday with the Director asking the Recreation Commission to attend. The commission commented on the recent article in the newspaper regarding Cheri's nomination. Lights have been rented for the event this year. The kickoff ceremony

is at 6:00 p.m.

## **Fireworks**

**“The Live Music Band” will perform at the July 3rd Fireworks celebration at Branch River Park. The Cubscouts will be selling hotdogs, chips and soda. The Director invited Juliette Lopez to set up her ice cream truck. The rain date is scheduled for Friday, July 7th.**

## **Blackstone Canoe Trail**

**The Director reported that the canoe has not been received to date. Ocean State Power was funding the canoe for it to be displayed at the Spring Lake Beach Facility. The painting design was to be completed by a Burrillville High School C.A.D. student.**

## **92 North Main Street Building**

**The painting is almost complete with Recreation Commission member Juliette Lopez heading up a crew to complete the work at a cost of \$2,500. The Director reported to the Town Manager that the heating system is sufficient at this time. The floor tiles will be completed in the near future, along with a counter being placed at the entrance to the building. The cubscouts will do any outside painting needed. The downstairs will be completed at a later date.**

## **Signs**

**The Spring Lake Campground and Recreation Center signs are complete awaiting installation by the Department of Public Works. The Parks and Recreation Department maintenance requests are being delayed awaiting response from the Department of Public Works.**

## **Summer Concerts**

**The concert schedules were distributed to the commission for their review. Due to numerous donations from local companies, the funding for the concerts was fully supported.**

## **Field Use Fees**

**Alan Gerew stated that Dave Marcotte gave him a newspaper clipping where the Town of Cumberland had adopted their field use fee structure. The newspaper article was reviewed by the commission. The Director proposed not charging fees to our local leagues but more for tournaments where admission fees would be charged and non-local leagues. The local leagues assist with cleanup and maintenance of the fields except the Men's Softball League.**

Complaints by abutting Hauser Field neighbors are being received regarding the Men's Softball League utilizing the wrong fields and trash problems. The president, Shane Mansolf, has been contacted on numerous occasions. The Town Manager has contacted the Burrillville Police Department for assistance with this problem. A fine may be implemented in the near future for any misuse of the fields. The commission recommended documenting all complaints and outcome. The Town of Cumberland will be contacted regarding their set up of the field use fees.

### **Spring Lake Opening**

The beach will open full time daily as of the upcoming weekend. New booth people are being trained and the maintenance crew is painting a few of the buildings. Except for only one time-slot, the Champlin Recreation Hall is rented out every weekend in July. The rentals are mostly by Burrillville residents but a few businesses have rented the facility also.

Alan Gerew asked if the Spring Lake Campground would want a port-a-john donated to use. The company that services the one existing rented port-a-john will be contacted to find out the fee for the necessary cleanings for the donated unit. The donated unit will be delivered next weekend.

## **Track Resurfacing**

**Due to the escalating costs by up to \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the asphalt surfacing material, bids are being sought to determine the updated costs for the project.**

## **Road Race**

**Planning has begun for the upcoming annual Snakes Alive 5K Road Race to take place on the Columbus Day weekend in October.**

## **New Business:**

### **Summer Brochures**

**The summer flyers to be distributed at the Spring Lake Beach Facility were shared with the commission. Interested participants can retrieve the information and registration forms on the town website or by contacting the Parks & Recreation Department. The swim program registrations can be done at the Spring Lake Beach Facility.**

## **Callahan Playground**

**The Director is assisting the Callahan School Renovation committee with the new playground project which needs to be completed by August 2006.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Alan Gerew. Seconded by Juliette Lopez.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.**

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